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TO: Non-Coal File

FROM: Dave Cline, Reclamation Hydrologist *DJC*

RE: Site Tour of Peden Engineering, New Harmony Project,
DOE/O21/009, Iron County, Utah

On April 8, 1986, Dave Cline, Rick Summers, Sue Linner, Randy Harden, James Leatherwood, Dave Darby, and Lynn Kunzler of the Division staff visited the New Harmony Project site. No representatives from Peden Engineering were present at the site at the time of the visit. The purpose of the visit was to determine the status of the operation and to determine if any further development had occurred since the last Division visit on August 19, 1985.

Approximately 15 backhoe trenches have been excavated in the project area. The total amount of disturbance may be in excess of 2 acres and the project may therefore not meet the requirements for a Declaration of Exemption. All of the trenches appeared to be excavated into coal, however, correspondence from Peden Engineering in the Division files indicate that the company is interested in precious metals. No additional disturbance had been performed at the site since the August 19, 1985 site visit.

Several site visits to the project have been made by former Division employees and the questions of the size of the disturbance and the nature of the mine have never been completely resolved. Therefore a telephone call to Peden Engineering is recommended to determine the above questions.

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